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CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

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P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/716,627, filed on November 20, 2000 entitled Optical Fiber Distribution Frame with Outside Plant Enclosure by the following inventor(s):

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1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, a signed oath or declaration, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The continuing application is as follows: 34 pages of specification, 6 pages totaling 24 claims, 1 page of abstract, 77 sheets of formal drawings, and 4 pages of oath or declaration.

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

2. Cancel original claims of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

3. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

| NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | | RATE | FEE |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS: 24 | 4 | x | \$18.00 | \$72.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 2 | 0 | x | \$86.00 | 0.00 |
| | | | BASIC FILING FEE: | \$770.00 |
| | | | TOTAL FILING FEE: | \$842.00 |

Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

4. Payment of fees:

Attached is a check in the amount of \$842.00

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.

6. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of the first page the paragraph:

"This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/716,627, filed November 20, 2000, which was a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/577,779, filed May 24, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,556,763, issued April 29, 2003, which was a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/563,210, filed May 2, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,535,682, issued March 18, 2003, which was a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/412,674, filed October 5, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,424,781 B1, issued July 23, 2002, which was continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/325,584, filed June 3, 1999, now abandoned, which was a continuation-in part of Serial No. 09/259,860, filed March 1, 1999, now abandoned, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference."

7. A set of formal drawings (sheets) is enclosed.

8. Priority of application Serial No. , filed on in , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .

9. The prior application is assigned of record to located at .

10. The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

11. A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

Fee for excess claims is attached.

12. A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until . A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.

13. The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:

14. A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.

15. Also Enclosed:

16. Address all future communications to the **Attention of Alan R. Stewart** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.

17. A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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